

DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002 PRESIDING

May 6, 2002

A. CALL TO ORDER

The May 6, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----	District 1
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----	District 2
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----	District 3
Supervisor John Caldwell-----	District 4
Supervisor Tommy Lewis--	District 5-----Absent
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----	Chancery Clerk
Sheriff James Albert Riley----	Sheriff
David Armstrong-----	County Administrator
Tony Nowak-----	Board Attorney

B. INVOCATION

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

C. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of April 2002, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors, with clarifications made by the Supervisors, for the month of April 2002. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment to the Walls Sewer District

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the Board needs to re-visit the issue of disqualification of the member Michael Byars from the Walls Sewer District based on Section 19-5-171 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said he had spoken with the Mayor of The Village of Memphis and that Michael Byars does not own land or operate a business within the district boundaries and verified that he is not located in the district. Therefore Mr. Byars can be disqualified from the Walls Sewer District according to the MCA section 19-5-171.

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Because this is the Board's finding of fact, the motion of April 30th . stands.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Comptroller – Joyce Riales

a. Late Bill

Vanessa Lynchard said the bill for the appraisals done by Sparkman & Associates on the right of ways for Hacks Cross Road was not received in time to make the claims docket in the amount of \$150.00.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the payment of \$150.00 to Sparkman & Associates for the right of way appraisals on Hacks Cross Road and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.1.a****

b. Claims Docket

Comptroller Joyce Riales and Stephanie Hanks, accounting clerk, presented the claims docket showing claims that need to be paid for various departments as of May 6, 2002, in the amount of \$4,225,631.26.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked why the large insurance payment. Joyce Riales said the claim was against a wreck that was several year old and that she verified the claim with the Board Attorney.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County had hired two companies for Risk Management. Joyce Riales said the two companies supplied computer equipment for Tim Curtis, the Safety Officer.

Joyce Riales said she received a call from the District Attorneys office requesting checks for out of state witnesses and they were listed on the claims docket, but she had to cut manual checks for them already, so these amounts would be deducted from the claims docket. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said this is a requirement that has to be met for the District Attorney.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked about the Election Commission credit of \$28,000 and if the old election equipment was turned in. Vanessa Lynyard said that the company gave the County credit on the front end for the equipment, but that we still have the equipment. Joyce Riales said that all of the Cities have reimbursed the County for their portion of the election equipment except for Olive Branch and they have stated their portion would be sent. Supervisor Medlin asked if this amount of buy back was figured in on the front end. Vanessa Lynchard said yes.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked the Board Attorney to clarify the County's position on supporting the DeSoto Sunrise since it has been taken over by the religious organization. Supervisor John Caldwell said to hold up on the issuance of the check until the Board Attorney could verify our legal ability to pay the claim. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said he doesn't think there is a problem with the County support of

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the DeSoto Sunrise Home. Supervisor Medlin said he did not want to hold the check if it would effect the children, as this payment was made to provide an emergency shelter for children.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the claims docket in the amount of \$4,225,631.26, with the exception of deducting the witness checks and holding the DeSoto Sunrise check for the assurance by the Board Attorney that the County can donate money, and to hold the check to pay rent on the Metro Narcotics building to encourage the owner to fix the sewer. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.1.b****

c. Interfund Transfer

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an Inter-Fund Transfer for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2002. At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Inter-Fund Transfer as follows:

Lower	001-202-950	Patrol/Law Enforcement	\$312.00
Increase	119-000-384	LLEBG-Video Recording Grant	\$312.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.1.c****

d. Investment of Surplus Funds

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any county shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of that required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such county shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Joyce Riales, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to Peoples Bank & Trust, the high bidder to place their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
5/03/02	Peoples Bank	\$1,000,000	8/13/02	102	1.89%	2192639976

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The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.1.d****

e. Budget Amendment – County Insurance

Comptroller Joyce Riales said she had computed the cost of the Health Insurance for the balance of the budget year and the following funds would be required:

	Accounting			Current	Total amount		Amount needed
	<u>Code</u>			<u>Budget Amount</u>	<u>needed for FY'02</u>		<u>to complete</u>
							<u>budget year</u>
Board of Supervisors	001	100	468	\$ 27,300	\$ 30,619	\$	3,319
Chancery Clerk	001	101	468	\$ 27,300	\$ 44,472	\$	17,172
Circuit Clerk	001	102	468	\$ 15,631	\$ 16,149	\$	518
Tax Assessor	001	103	468	\$ 58,500	\$ 70,758	\$	12,258
Tax Collector	001	104	468	\$ 74,100	\$ 105,696	\$	31,596
Planning Commission	001	107	468	\$ 50,700	\$ 72,105	\$	21,405
GIS	001	109	468	\$ 7,800	\$ 10,736	\$	2,936
County Administration	001	120	468	\$ 23,400	\$ 31,233	\$	7,833
Purchasing	001	122	468	\$ 11,700	\$ 16,104	\$	4,404
Operations & Maintenance	001	150	468	\$ 7,800	\$ 10,736	\$	2,936
Buildings & Grounds	001	151	468	\$ 54,600	\$ 73,526	\$	18,926
Data Processing	001	152	468	\$ 15,600	\$ 17,404	\$	1,804
PBX	001	157	468	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,368	\$	1,468
Chancery Court	001	160	468	\$ 15,600	\$ 19,191	\$	3,591
Circuit Court	001	161	468	\$ 17,379	\$ 30,877	\$	13,498
County Court	001	162	468	\$ 12,072	\$ 16,312	\$	4,240
Justice Court	001	166	468	\$ 54,600	\$ 74,139	\$	19,539
Coroner	001	167	468	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,368	\$	1,468
County Attorney	001	169	468	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,368	\$	1,468
Victim Witness	001	171	468	\$ 7,800	\$ 10,736	\$	2,936
Patrol/Law Enforcement	001	202	468	\$ 343,200	\$ 453,843	\$	110,643
Custody of Prisoners & Jail	001	220	468	\$ 154,050	\$ 211,753	\$	57,703
Juvenile Detention	001	223	468	\$ 23,400	\$ 33,223	\$	9,823
County Ambulance	001	240	468	\$ 89,700	\$ 119,009	\$	29,309
Civil Defense	001	260	468	\$ 11,700	\$ 16,104	\$	4,404
Constables	001	262	468	\$ 11,700	\$ 16,104	\$	4,404
Animal Control	001	411	468	\$ 3,900	\$ 6,018	\$	2,118
Soil & Water Conservation	001	630	468	\$ 7,800	\$ 8,257	\$	457
Sub-total fund 001				\$ 1,139,032	\$ 1,531,208	\$	392,176
County Wide Road Mt./Constr.	156	300	468	\$ 132,600	\$ 145,853	\$	13,253
Bridge & Culvert	160	300	468	\$ 144,300	\$ 208,502	\$	64,202
				Current Budget		Amended Budget	
				Amount	Decrease	Amount	
	001	901	999	\$ 7,862,463	\$ 392,176	\$	7,470,287
	156	901	999	\$ 146,569	\$ 13,253	\$	133,316
	160	901	999	\$ 950,974	\$ 64,202	\$	886,772

Total additional insurance match \$ 469,631

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the County Insurance based on the recommendation of the Comptroller Joyce Riales. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

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Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

2. Approval of Travel

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi, is hereby authorized to travel during the period of May 6, 2002 to June 3, 2002, as necessary, and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County; that all such travel is hereby authorized contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize DeSoto County employees to travel during the period of May 6, 2002 to June 3, 2002, as necessary, and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

3. Approval for Chamber of Commerce to Use Courthouse Rotunda for the Celebration of Art, May 11, 2002, from 5:00 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

Brian Goff , Executive Director of Main Street Hernando Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request the use of the County Courthouse Rotunda for the Celebration of Arts event to be held on May 11, 2002. Mr. Goff clarified there will be no charge to the public for entering the Courthouse.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the use of the County Courthouse Rotunda for the Celebration of Arts event to be held on May 11, 2002. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

4. Approval of Bailiff Pay

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e), which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$120.00 for the month of April 2002; to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$120.00 for the month of April 2002; and to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$200.00 for the month of April 2002, for their services as Bailiffs for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES

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Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.4****

5. Justice Court Report

At the recommendation of the Justice Court Clerk Linda Aldridge, Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report for the month of April 2002 attached as Exhibit E.5. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.5****

6. Sheriff’s Employee Report

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff=s Department Employee Report for the month of April 2002. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in Exhibit E.6. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.6****

7. Central Maintenance

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Road Manager Russell Dorris presented the Road Report for March 26, 2002, thru April 25, 2002 and the Work Schedule for the month of May 2002.

a. Road Report and Work Schedule

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he noticed that landscaping had been done at the Central Maintenance facility. Russell Dorris said yes, they had tried to make the facility look better.

Supervisor Medlin said he had noticed the tree grinding work that had been done. Russell Dorris said that on Holly Springs Road some trees roots had grown under the foundation of a house sitting close to the road and they had to hire the tree grinding to be done since they could not cut the tree..

Supervisor Eugene Thach said that Pleasant Hill Road looked great and the homeowners were pleased with the County’s work. Russell Dorris said he had eight (8) mowers running and that he would have two (2) more when the new mowers came in.

Supervisor John Caldwell said that on Starlanding Road there is a need for a headwall to be constructed on a bridge at the corner of McGowen Road. Supervisor Caldwell said Daniel Murphy, Consulting County Engineer, has scheduled the work, but to verify the work with Daniel Murphy. Russell Dorris said the replacement of pipe is needed before

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the overlay is done. Russell Dorris said the pothole patcher is working well.

Supervisor Caldwell said the Church Road and Tulane Road job has been on the list for several months and asked what is happening. Russell Dorris said he is not clear on what has been done in this area. Supervisor Caldwell asked Russell Dorris to get with the County Engineer Andy Swims to verify what needs to be done.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Road Manager's Road Report and Work Schedule Report. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

b. Road Bond Report

Road Manager Russell Dorris presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Road Bond Report presented by the Road Manager. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.7.b****

8. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.8****

9. Approval of Renewal Contract and Additional Lines with Time Warner for Road Runner

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said he had looked at the contract for Time Warner and it is ok. Larry Wood, Director of Data Processing, said the contract cost of \$699.00 a month, plus the two other connections for the Tax Collector and Justice Court at a cost of \$160.00 a month, would reduce the land line cost for the Tax Collector's office and Justice Court's office. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if this was just for the Internet. Larry Wood said yes, but this is virtually a private network for the County. Supervisor Medlin asked how long was the contract. Larry Wood said it was

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for two (2) years.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the contract with Time Warner, based on the recommendation of the Director of Data Processing Larry Wood, for the Road Runner cable Internet service for the County offices at 365 Loshier Street, Hernando, MS, 38632, at a cost of \$699.95; the Tax Collector's office at 6569 Cockrum Street, Olive Branch, MS, 38654 at a cost of \$159.95; and the Justice Court office at 8525 Highway 51 N., Southaven, MS, 38671 at a cost of \$159.95. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.9****

10. Interlocal Agreement – Crime Scene Investigation Automobile

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the Board needs to approve this Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Hernando, Southaven, Horn Lake, and Olive Branch, for the Crime Scene Investigation Automobile.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Cities of Hernando, Southaven, Horn Lake, and Olive Branch, for the Crime Scene Investigation Automobile. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**** See Exhibit E.10****

11. Chancery Clerk Allowance

On this date, the Chancery Court Clerk, W. E. Davis presented an Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the April 2002 Term in the amount of \$900.00.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve this payment, pursuant to Section 25-7-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.11****

12. Lifeblood Proclamation

Vanessa Lynchard, Director of Administrative Services, said the County has received a letter from Mr. Darrell G. Hall, a Donor, Volunteer, and Lifeblood Community Council Member, requesting a Proclamation by the County and Cities on July 3, 2002 in the presence of local business, religious and media representatives, with the goal of

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encouraging as many persons as possible to donate blood, time and/or products and services, to Lifeblood’s DeSoto County Donor Center, 577 Goodman Road, Ste. 5, Southaven, MS. They would like the Proclamation for July 5th. and 6th., 2002.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize the Lifeblood Proclamation for July 5th and 6th , 2002. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.12****

13. Approval to Accept the Waste Tire Grant

Brigette Herring, Grant Writer, appeared before the Board of Supervisors for approval to accept the Waste Tire Grant from MDEQ for \$39,000.00. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if this was the same amount as last year’s grant. Brigette Herring said no, that last year the County grant was \$52,000. The grant request for this year was for \$30,000 and the \$9,000 more for hauling.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Waste Tire Grant in the amount of \$39,000. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.13****

14. Approval to Accept the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Grant

Brigette Herring, Grant Writer, appeared before the Board of Supervisors for approval to accept the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Grant from MDEQ for \$18,211.00. Brigette Herring said the Board had approved to apply for grant funds for Chuck Faulkner, the Code Enforcement Officer, and the County was awarded \$18,211.00, with the County to provide a 50% match to these funds.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to accept the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Grant in the amount of \$18,211.00. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

****See Exhibit E.14****

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15. Authorization to Apply For COPS Universal Hiring Program Grant

Brigette Herring, Grant Writer, said that Sheriff James Albert Riley has requested to hold this item over. No motions were made on this item.

16. Re-Appraisal Update – Bill Bryant

Bill Bryant, Consultant for the Tax Assessor, and Stephen Gullett, Tax Assessor employee, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to give a brief update of the County's re-appraisals. Stephen Gullett provided exhibits of the types of tax mapping the Assessor's office would be able to use to provide information on assessments on property in the County. Stephen Gullett said the information regarding the selling price when they are doing homesteads, and multiple listings would have the asking price as well as the selling price that could be provided. Stephen Gullett said most of the information work has been done by addresses and that any plat that was recorded on January 1, 2002 would be in the 2002 information, but any plat recorded after January 1, 2002 would not be available until 2003. Stephen Gullett said once all of the information is in the computer and complete, they would just have to enter new data.

Bill Bryant said they are supposed to be at 100% complete on the mass appraisals, but they can never hit a 100% because of the price index on property. Bill Bryant said they would stay about 80%. Bill Bryant said that every 4 years there would be an annual assessment update required. Bill Bryant said the fieldwork being done is over 80% complete and that there have been 43,400 parcels done out of the 52,800 parcels. Mr. Bryant said they are finished with Townships 1 & 2. There are only about 9000 parcels left. He said they have 80% of the field work done overall.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when will the taxes be increased. Bill Bryant said it would be 2003 when the increase would go into effect, but the July 2003 taxes would not be collected January 2004.

Bill Bryant said they are 90% complete in the computer with 100% on commercial. This will add 55 million to the tax roll. Bill Bryant said the assessments for last year was 773 million, this year it is 830 million, and with the assessment it will be 880 million. Bill Bryant said this is a 20% increase in assessment. Bill Bryant said that with the growth rate in the County, the re-assessments would go over one (1) billion in 2003, but you can't collect more than a 10% increase in taxes in one (1) year.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked what would happen if you lower millage. Bill Bryant said when you raise the value of property, this does not allow you to lower millage, because, this is a leveling effect to allow more money to be collected on upper priced homes. Bill Bryant said this is a State ordered ruling.

Bill Bryant said the increased State exemption for over age 65 has been increased to \$75,000, which will allow a \$300 credit for homestead. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County would get any money back on the reimbursement. Bill Bryant said no. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that the land use is generated by the State for value. Supervisor John Caldwell said it is the State budget function on how homestead is generated.

No motions were made on this item.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

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G. OTHER ISSUES

1. Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the petition to adjust the homestead exemption supplemental roll as presented by the Chancery Clerk as follows:

Parcel No.
1088-3302.0-01618.00

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**** See Exhibit G.1****

2. County Property & Liability Insurance

Rex Haynes, Consulting Insurance Agent, addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding the status of work being done on the County Property & Liability Insurance renewal. Mr. Haynes said the best case is a self-insured layer being attached to the policy in order to get a good quote. Mr. Haynes said the best quote in house at this time is with Corrigis Insurance, this requires a \$25,000 deductible.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what is the County deductible now. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the County could get a two (2) year policy. Mr. Haynes said right now the deductible varies for different areas of claims and that we can't get anyone to quote on a two (2) year policy.

Mr. Haynes said that last year there were 50 small claims paid and for this year there are 40 claims filed. Mr. Haynes said there were 95 claims in 2000, so this has dropped dramatically since they are handling the small claims for the County and not going through the insurance.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many insurance agents have been contacted. Mr. Haynes said they sent quotes to five (5) companies. Supervisor Gerald Clifton asked if other Counties are under the same circumstances. Mr. Haynes said yes, trends have changed and the losses of September 11, 2001 have effected the whole economy. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if MAS had been contacted. Mr. Haynes said they have certain lines they represent.

Supervisor Medlin asked when the Board could have some answers. Mr. Haynes said he hoped to have everything by Wednesday, May 8, 2002, to present to the Board. Mr. Haynes said that earthquake coverage is required for DeSoto County because we are in the Zone 2 area. No motions were made on this item.

3. Approval of Requisition Clerk for Tax Collectors Office

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Tax Collector Joey Treadway has requested the Board to approve Elizabeth Riley as a Requisition Clerk in the Tax Collector's office and to remove Carol Carpenter as the Requisition Clerk in the Tax Collector office.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the
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motion to approve the recommendation of the Tax Collector Joey Treadway, to remove

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Carol Carpenter as the Requisition Clerk and to appoint Elizabeth Riley as the Requisition Clerk for the Tax Collector’s office. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

4. Hernando Hills Golf Course

Russell Dorris said he received a notice from Hernando Hills Golf Course that their grass will not come back due to the damage from the County during the construction on McInvale Road. The Board’s November 11, 2001, meeting discussed the repair of grass at the Hernando Hills golf course that was damaged due to the road repair done to McInvale Road. Russell Dorris said it would cost \$2,200 to buy sod grass and they would put it down. They also want two loads of gravel. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin asked if it had been determined that the County did the damage. Russell Dorris said that a silk screen was not put up during the construction, which caused the washing and damage. Bobby Chamberlin said then we have to fix the damage, but we need to get them to sign a release once this is done. Russell Dorris asked if there should be an insurance claim made. Supervisor Medlin asked Russell Dorris to get with the Comptroller Joyce Riales and the Insurance Agent Rex Haynes to make a determination.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the repair to the Hernando Hill Golf Course, based on the Road Manager’s findings, for grass sod in the amount of \$2,200.00 and for two loads of gravel, with the requirement of a signed release by Hernando Hills for this work. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

5. Texas Gas Utility Lines

County Road Manager Russell Dorris said that Texas Gas Transmission has requested to put down gas lines in the Delta View area. Russell Dorris said they want to cut the road to put lines in the roadbed and this would close the road for two days. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the Board would require any line that is put down to have a provision for the County to widen the road without any disturbance to the gas lines or any expense to the County. Supervisor Caldwell requested that they establish a bond on the road. Supervisor Gerald Clifton said they should wait until school is out to close the road for two days.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over until the Board meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, to allow the Board Attorney to look over the request from Texas Gas Transmission. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

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6. Central Maintenance – Safety Training May 29, 2002

Road Manager Russell Dorris said there would be another safety training seminar in Tunica and he would appreciate the Board allowing him to take another set of Central Maintenance employees to this event that is sponsored by the Road Manager’s Association.

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if the changes in equipment for road mowing had been done. Russell Dorris said they are trying to use the side mount mowers with chains and rubber mounts for the roadside cutting. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the big mowers were still being used. Russell Dorris said he tries to use these mowers on the County roads that don’t have a lot of traffic. Supervisor Medlin said the large mowers should be used on roads that have large shoulders. Russell Dorris said that the personnel who operate these large mowers is a consideration for where to use these mowers.

No motions were made on this item.

7. GASB 34 Training

County Road Manager Russell Dorris said he would like to attend the training session on May 22, 2002, in Jackson, MS for the GASB 34 accounting system. Russell Dorris said he needs to know how the new system will effect his area for the new budget year.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Road Manager Russell Dorris to attend the GASB 34 training on May 22, 2002 in Jackson, MS. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

8. Grants

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Brigitte Herring about the Summerwood Park Grants. Brigitte Herring said the County had already done the work when she applied for the grant, so we could not get the money. Supervisor John Caldwell said if she hears about any grants, she needs to bring a request to the Board to address. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked Brigitte Herring to just look for things that would apply to the County. No motions were made on this item.

9. Animal Burial

Road Manager Russell Dorris said that Central Maintenance has received several calls for animal burials by the County. Russell Dorris said they have to get a veterinarian to sign a form before burying any animal. Russell Dorris said he had a form that he would like to be able to use for the veterinarian to sign that will comply more clearly with State law. The Board agreed to allow the Road Manager Russell Dorris to use the form. No motions were made on this item.

10. Starlanding Road and Nail Road Overpasses

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the cost for the Starlanding Road and the Nail Road railroad overpasses had been established. Supervisor John Caldwell said that the County Administrator has a figure in his head about what the County match would be, but that the Board has not agreed to any figures yet. Supervisor Medlin asked how many trains go across the tracks on Starlanding and Nail Roads. Supervisor Caldwell said he was

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told that there are four (4) trains a day on these tracks and the railroad wanted to close the tracks, but the Nissan plant required that two railroads service their facility.

Supervisor Medlin said this is not many trains for the expense required.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County has made a commitment for the Nail Road widening, but that the Starlanding has not been voted on. Supervisor Caldwell said that all the money for Starlanding would be based on the County's share of estimates by the engineering.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the County is responsible for the advance signs and pavement markings only for the railroads. No motions were made on this item.

11. Cell Phones

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he has requested the County Comptroller to get a breakdown from other Counties regarding their use of cell phones. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the Attorney General had already commented on how cell phones are to be handled. Supervisor John Caldwell asked how many cell phones the County has. Vanessa Lynchard said there are 57 or 59 County issued cell phones.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he had been told that a County employee has been running a business from his cell phone. These phones are for County business only. Supervisor Eugene Thach stated that a notice should be sent to all employees about the use of government phones. No motions were made on this item.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

THIS the 6th. day of May 2002, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

Jessie Medlin, President
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors